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"Giving Thanks to God Always . . ."

October—Evangelism Month

Suggestions for the Congregation

The Board of Deacons and the Committee on Evangelism in the congregation is responsible not only for winning the unreached for Christ, but also for keeping the believer in Christ and recalling the backslider to Christ. Today, with the strain of modern living and the stress which comes into homes as a result of diversified interests in family groups, the congregation must be more aggressive than ever to win and hold people for Christ. Thus, there are few objectives more important than to try to get every home to read and study the Word of God and to join in regular family prayers. We challenge the Evangelism Committee to:

- (1) Invite the entire congregation, and its organizations, to begin praying for a family altar in every home.
- (2) Publicize the program in the Sunday bulletins, parish papers, and in announcements. Have confirmands make attractive posters for church and public buildings.
- (3) Ask the pastor to preach a sermon or a series on the Family Altar prior to and during the launching of the program.
- (4) Prepare a Bible and Devotional Book display in the church or in a public store window (or both).
- (5) Plan a family altar demonstration for a Sunday morning service and at organizational meetings. Plan a "Family Altar" program in every organization.
- (6) Select movies, film strips, and literature to be used in creating interest in the Family Altar.
- (7) Select Lay Visitors for an every-member visitation to present the Family Altar.
- (8) Secure enough copies of "Christ in Our Home" for distribution to every home.
- (9) Conduct a survey in the Sunday school to find out what percentage of the homes have family devotions.
- (10) Announce a definite time for the visitation, preferably in the fall. (This can be combined with the stewardship visitation and used very effectively.)

Suggestions for the Home

Inspired by the Bethesda Circle of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, the Division of Evangelism in co-operation with the whole Church is launching an all-out emphasis on the Family Altar and the Shepherding Plan. The objective is to get every family in every congregation to conduct family devotions regularly. The Shepherding Plan, designed particularly to help people to remain and grow in Christ, can be used as an instrument in developing the Family Altar in every home.

Reasons why the Christian home should have family devotions:

Because God speaks to His people through His Word. Families will be daily confronted with God in Christ, whom to know is to love. They will see their sinfulness on the one hand and Christ's forgiving love on the other. Through family devotions they will "grow day by day in grace and holiness."

Because it will edify and enrich family relationships, bring understanding where there is friction and love where there has been bitterness. It will knit the family together into more Christ-like living.

Because it will powerfully reinforce the Church in its ministry, relating the Church to every home and every home to the Church. It will motivate and encourage families to share their faith in Christ with others and thus win them for Christ and His Church.

Because it will bring God's Word to meet the particular needs of every person in times of temptation, sickness, tribulation, sorrow, and frustration. It will help individuals to face life with confidence and with an unshakable trust in God "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Because it will help each family to put God first in every area of life and to enter into each day's task with a cheerful heart, determined to glorify God in all that they do and say and think.

Because it will not only strengthen believers in their faith but will also, once again, make the home a fortress of power toward a better community, nation, and world.

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Crown of Joy and Wonder

Mrs. Bernhard Christensen

A child's life consists not only in meals and baths and play and sleep, nor in the gradual awakening of mind and heart. First and foremost, a child is a spiritual being, made by God for fellowship with Himself. And therefore the primary task of those to whom God has for time entrusted this child is to nurture his spirit—to guide and teach him so that he may learn to know and to love the heavenly Father from whom his life has been derived, and whose child, through Baptism, he has become.

This fundamental spiritual responsibility rests upon the parent in a measure not shared by anyone else whose influence or teaching may also help to mold the child's life. From a child's earliest infant awareness until his adolescent maturing and beyond, the father and mother are constantly contributing for good or ill to his spiritual concepts and convictions, his spiritual attitudes and practices. Other individuals and experiences supplement and enrich this contribution, but God will hold the Christian parent first of all accountable.

Such a responsibility, needless to say, is deeply humbling, often frightening. But despite all our shortcomings and failures, it constitutes also one of life's highest and holiest privileges. To watch a child grow physically to see an indescribable miracle. But to have a strategic part in guiding one's child into a living fellowship with God is the crown of the parent's joy and wonder.

Yet even for the Christian parent, who understands this primacy of the child's spiritual nature and needs, it is difficult not to become mired in the quicksand of secondary things. Johnny must learn to brush his teeth; Mary must practice her piano lessons; Susan must pick up after herself, however wearying the protests; Roger must learn to share his toys. All these things must be seen in their right perspective, not as ends in themselves, but simply as small parts of a background for a larger picture. Bread and meat and good physical and mental habits are little more than passing fragments of the whole meaning of life.

When we see this clearly, and can remember it amid the clamors of a busy household, then we understand the need for teaching our children from their earliest years to walk and to talk with God. In the first place, we cannot leave God out of their consciousness without leaving out the most important things in their lives and experience. It is He who has made them. It is He who has created all the wonderful things around them. It is He who forgives their sins and who loves them better than do the best of parents.

Furthermore, we need faithfully to work with the Holy Spirit in establishing early their conscious fellowship with God so that when they are buffeted by the temptations and sorrows of which even their young lives can be so full, they may know from whence their help comes, and may lift their eyes to the abiding hills. And finally, because we know the limitations of *our* love and resources, we human parents for our own sakes must slip their hands into the Father's Hand, where



Photo by Eva Luoma

"The child Thou gavest me, O Christ, I place in Thy Savior arms, to nurture and keep and guide. . . ."

divine love and eternal resources may be theirs. All too soon, little by little, we must relinquish our hold upon them. Then our only peace is in knowing that they are anchored deep in God, living in prayer and fellowship with Him.

Amid the pressures and rush of the typical American family there is no such thing as an automatic, push-button solution to this basic spiritual need and responsibility. Christian parents must be sufficiently convinced of the importance of a child's spiritual training to persevere in achieving it, despite obstacles and heartaches. *Preparation, persistence, patience*—these are the ingredients needed in full measure, pressed down and running over! We have such remarkable staying powers, we parents, when the physical, mental, or emotional health of our children is involved. We need that same concern and wisdom for our family's *spiritual* health.

However occasionally it may be glimpsed, the reward for this kind of training is a sacred experience. For the family to know one another in Christ, in His Word, as suppliants together before the throne of grace, is to be bound by ties stronger even than those of parent and child. These little ones who were given to us by God's grace and goodness are by that same grace become our partners in faith and in prayer. Together with them we are members of the Body of Christ, His Church, and our worship and prayer mingle in the stream from thousands of other individual hearts, merging first in the Christian congregation, and then in the deeper, more inclusive river of the whole Christian Church. Together with them, though we understand it so imperfectly, we are helping to build an eternal temple of praise and prayer which God Himself inhabits, now and forevermore.

Could a parent ask for more than this?

HELPS IN PROMOTING THE FAMILY ALTAR

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

"Christ in Our Home"
(Augsburg Publishing House)

RECOMMENDED FILMS

"The Bible on the Table"
(ELC Films)
"The Faith of Our Family"
(ELC Films)
"This Is the Life" series
"The Family Altar"
(ELC Films)
"At Home With God" (filmstrip)
(ELC Films)

LITERATURE

"There's No Place Like Home for Evangelism"
(Augustana Book Concern)
"The Answer to Man's Problem"
by Luther W. Youngdahl (LEC)
"The Family Altar" (How to conduct it)
(Luther Evangelism Council)
"The Family That Stays Together"
(Lutheran Press)

For the Security-Conscious

Harold B. Kildahl

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 18, 1955

Read Matthew 6:19-23

The Gospel for this day is a rather shocking bit of advice for security-conscious people, people who have been schooled well in "laying up security" for tomorrow. What a spectacle we present when a close analysis of living conditions is made! We hurry and scurry about making Social Security payments, figuring on the return one day, buying annuities, saving today and scrimping if need be, to be certain sure that tomorrow will provide a monthly income of at least \$125 to make old age pleasant and secure. It's a strange thing to see a whole generation of people spending their best years getting ready to retire, or to die. And all the while there comes that ringing challenge of the Lord: "Lay not up yourselves treasures on earth, but lay them up in heaven."

Were we to spend as much time in cultivating the spirit of Christ as we do in cultivating the spirit of security, we would be a far richer people. Were we to devote as much time to activating our faith in a working Christian relationship to our fellow men as we do in activating our insurance payments and premiums, we would have a far better outlook on life. This is not an attack on insurance and social security. Far from that. It is rather an attempt to bring into proper focus the riches of the spirit, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the riches of His Word.

True security is not to be found by way of policies or numbers. It is not to be found in bank balances or annuities. It is not to be found in tidy little sums laid away for a rainy day. These things may be essential and quite desirable, but they do not constitute true security at all. The real security that man needs and that man ought to have, especially if he truly regards himself as a Christian, is the security of knowing that by grace he is an heir of heaven. True security is in the forgiveness of sins, the power of Christ, and the assurance of His grace and blessing. True security is in the valid hope of heaven.

What are you doing today and tomorrow? How much time are you giving to the Lord, His Word, and His Church? Are you growing in grace and truth and holiness before the Lord, knowing that your name is written in the book of heaven, or are you reaching for the straws of material security in the hope that in your sunset years there will be enough? It makes a big difference—for He who possesses Christ has all things Christ possessing.

It's a strange bit of advice, but it is advice we need to hear again and again as we scramble through life putting our trust in a number.

The Birth of a Booklet

Lowell J. Satre
Editor, "Christ in Our Home"

It was moved, seconded and carried that we publish our own devotional booklet . . . keeping the children's mind . . . , beginning January 1, 1954." Thus reads a portion of the minutes of the April 7, 1953, meeting of the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The next motion appointed an editor with the understanding that he write the booklet for the first year. What seemed like a beginning was rather the result of much thinking, discussing, yearning, and praying by many groups and individuals in our Church over the years.

A questionnaire seeking title and other suggestions was sent to all ELC circuit and district directors of evangelism. The response was excellent and encouraging. Ideas of many pastors contributed to the conception of what the booklet's title, format, style, and content should be. The editor decided that "Christ in Our Home" would be the title.

To design a cover, an artist was engaged. To write 365 meditations—that was not so simple. Rigorous was that period of writing, God was sorely needed and found exhilaratingly faithful. In plenty of time the artist produced a cover stressing the cross of Christ who died for each one. This design was used for five quarters. Then, because of the subscribers' demand for more color and in accordance with advice from Augsburg Publishing House, the cover was changed.

The novice editor was fast initiated into a few of the intricacies of the art of Gutenberg. Deadlines, copyrights, copy, proof, Augsburg style, etc., leaped into the arena of the existential. But with the careful guidance of Augsburg's Al Anderson, Paul Martinsen, and Tom Hanson, the initiation proved as painless as possible.

The day came when the first quarter of *Christ in Our Home* was ready for the press. How many copies should be printed? No one really knew. Several people stirred together a few facts and with a rather faltering faith concluded that 25,000 copies would not be many too many. To their happy embarrassment, they found that their "scientific guess" was much too conservative. In a rush, 20,000 additional copies were printed, then 40,000 more, and finally another 15,000, so that in all 100,000 copies of the first quarter booklet were produced. For the first quarter of 1956 it is likely that at least 150,000 copies will be printed.

It is the aim of those responsible for the booklet to choose writers who write meaningfully and interestingly. In order to serve the whole Church, an attempt is made to get authors of various backgrounds and phases. A number of pastors from the ALC, LFC, and UELC have been invited to contribute, and nearly

all have accepted. Two Christian laymen with handicaps are thankful to God for the privilege of sharing His Word with the thousands who read the booklet: one, a former seminary student, has multiple sclerosis; the other is a spastic.

In the 1955 booklet, there is ordinarily a different writer for each week. Although this makes for variety and interest, it seems to be the consensus that such rapid shifting results in some grinding of gears. Starting in 1956 there will be one writer for each month of meditations. For the first quarter the writers are the Reverend Lyle B. Gangsei, pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Redondo Beach, California; the Reverend Robert W. Lutnes, pastor of the student congregation at Pacific Lutheran College, whose first novel, *Ever One God*, is just off the Augsburg press; and Dr. Oscar C. Hanson, well known evangelist and author.

Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz has stressed the general principle that each agency of our Church should share its "accumulated wisdom" with her other agencies. In keeping with this thought, negotiations are now under way to transfer the publishing of *Christ in Our Home* from the Division of Evangelism to Augsburg Publishing House. The Evangelism Division will still be concerned with content; but publishing, distribution, advertising, etc., will be the responsibility of Augsburg. It is natural and proper that the Division of Evangelism and the Commission be zealous and active in launching and fostering a program that aims to strengthen the devotional life of our Church. It also seems natural and proper that, once such an undertaking is successfully under way, the matter of publishing can best be left to our publishing house.

By this arrangement it is hoped that more people can be reached with the booklet, possibly even at lower cost. And of course the personnel in the offices of the Division of Evangelism will be freed for other tasks when the publishing of *Christ in Our Home* is relinquished. Tribute should be paid here to the office secretaries of the Evangelism Division, the Misses Odella Huglen and Beatrice Swanson, for the important service they have rendered in the production of the booklet. To them, particularly to Miss Huglen these last months, the editor has turned over all the duties and details which he conscientiously could. A vigorous thank you goes out also to all past, present, and future writers of the booklet for their willingness to let their talents be employed in this Kingdom labor. Also to those who use the booklet a debt of gratitude is due; were it not for them, there would be a different story to tell.

Some Thoughts on "Togetherness"

Mrs. H. O. Egertson

THE CHILD IN THE HOME

Family devotions" generally signifies the daily gathering of the family for Bible reading, hymn-singing, and prayer. To a young person it may mean anything from an imposed period of absolute silence to a happy, absorbing discussion about God.

Whatever the definition, it implies worship and fellowship with God and one another. Worship is of the heart and involves the losing of oneself in adoration of Christ. Fellowship is a togetherness based on common interest.

What we expect from our family devotions will somewhat determine the results. Do we really expect spiritual growth in the family, or are we satisfied if we can go through the motions and report to the pastor that we have finally managed to get it done with some regularity?

Assuming that we do hope for spiritual growth, are we willing to spend time, energy, and prayer in its pursuit? Obviously, parents cannot bring about actual growth, but they are privileged to plant and to water, looking to God for the increase.

Before planting, however, there must be preparation. In the case of family devotions it may well be that the first preparation is that of the parents. That many parents today feel the need of preparation is shown by the practical questions they ask regarding family worship, such as the best time, the best materials, etc.

These practical aspects are important. But of equal importance is the emotional and spiritual nourishment in the home, for almost every area of the child's life is affected thereby.

Maturity is made up of many ingredients. One of the most essential is self-forgetfulness—the ability to enter into the plans and needs of others without thought of personal satisfaction or convenience. The parent who is emotionally mature can forego a desire or need of his own to provide more fully what is best for the child. The secular world recognizes this principle in its work with children. State boards of education expect emotional maturity in their teachers and others who work with children. Their watchword is "what is best for the child." This

does not mean indulging the child but rather an attempt to help him understand and face his own needs and behavior.

Surely, the Christian Church and Christian parents desire as much for the child in the spiritual realm. On this point parents agree, but many hesitate either because they lack assurance of their own relationship to God or because they feel that they are immature Christians at the best. Happily, God has not set down definite goals of spiritual or emotional maturity without which parents cannot help their children. God is wise. He deals with humans as they are. His first word is always, "Come." If they come as they are, He has promised to fulfill their every need. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." "If thou lack wisdom, let him ask of me . . ."

Many young couples today are preparing themselves by spiritual check-ups which often reveal emotional problems which can be resolved by spiritual growth. Parents who have honestly faced these problems and sought the guidance and help that God has provided through various avenues of therapy, have been surprised at what they could do for their children by His grace. The very admitting of their own need has tenderized their hearts to accept the child with his needs and shortcomings rather than to make unreasonable demands of



"Teaching them to observe. . ."

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"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go...."

him. Many well-meaning, pious parents have driven their children from the family altar and from the Christian Church by expecting adult Christian experience and discernment from them. This is an eagerness too often born of anxiety. God's Word says, "When I was a child I thought as a child, I spake as a child . . ." If parents provide soul nourishment, they can rest in the promise that God will finish the good work He has begun in the heart of the child, but He does not pick unripened fruit.

It is the privilege of parents to set the spiritual tone of the home. Even the very young, the emotionally unstable or mentally retarded child senses the atmosphere. Consciously or unconsciously, he reaches out for a solid base on which to build. The earlier the child experiences the expressed love of his parents and the warmth of God's Word in his home, the less need he will find to satisfy this craving by undesirable behavior. Adults may decide how a child shall act and speak, but how he thinks and feels is up to him.

The child in a Christian home should reasonably expect to receive help in many areas of his life from family devotions. The fellowship with parents should be open and warm. A child who hears his parents ask and thank

God for forgiveness will be helped to accept their imperfect lives; it will give him assurance that they too are human, and that he is not alone in his battle with the adversary. The idealistic adolescent often carries an exaggerated sense of guilt when he does not quite measure up. The discipline of the example of his parents' confession will encourage him to press on.

Parents, however, need a time with God alone in dealing with many of the family affairs which need not burden the child. The child's questions, such as God's will for his life, problems of school and friendships, can be discussed individually or in the informal family group. Whatever help the child may or may not receive, he needs to know that his parents *always love him* though they may not always approve of *what he does*. Most of all, he needs to know that God loves him and stands ready to forgive and forget confessed sins, and that in this forgiveness he has a right to be called a child of God through Christ.

To be happy, a child also needs the assurance that Father and Mother are going to be in heaven. Fear for loved ones is very real to a small child. When there is little evidence of the parents' interest in God, he is often worried and depressed. It is possible, even in prayer, to suggest danger and fear to children. An eight-year-old who heard the family pray for the protection of her traveling father's plane became unduly upset every time he left. When the positive note of thanking God for His omnipresence was used, the tension subsided.

Perhaps the parent who tucks a child into bed has the most unique opportunity for family fellowship. Although it is preferable to clear up difficulties as they occur, this evening hour can become a useful time to clear up all wrong-doing and wash away the dust of the day if it is done with Christian insight and love. The parent must not act shocked at any of the happenings of the day, but rather welcome the confidence and guide the child to its solution by discussion and prayer. This is the sacred task of a Christian parent who believes that God *is* the answer to his child's needs. Even the older child accepts this type of guidance because he likes to think that someone cares and plans for his welfare. Whatever methods are used, the day should close on a comfortable note that all is well in the world. Every child has a right to fall asleep with warm feet and a glad heart.



Hour of Renewal

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God has said, "It is not good for man to be alone." God met the loneliness of Adam by giving him a helpmeet whom he was to love and cherish. Man is to leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall be one. Oneness rather than togetherness was to be their continuing experience until death would them part. If this is to be a happy and satisfying state, if this oneness is to symbolize the relationship of the Church to Jesus Christ, He, God, must be a part of the whole. Without Him it is impossible.

There are times when each of us will want to be alone with God. Driven by deep need, we seek His face in the secret place of prayer. Jesus has invited us to do so and has promised that the Father will answer openly. We will meet Him in the worship services of the congregation; we may join our friends at the mid-week meeting or at prayer sessions of the auxiliary organizations. Many fathers and mothers find it a happy privilege to meet with their little ones in family devotions—a sort of "children's hour" when the whole family has fellowship together.

Helpful as all these are, husbands and wives find that time spent together alone with God can be an enriching and healing hour of renewal. At such a time of fellowship, when all others are shut out, the nature of each can rise to the other's knowing; joys be freely expressed, and direction found in the Word and prayer. Adjustment to each other and realignment to the will of God will become a daily experience in growth and creative endeavors in the home, the church and the community.

If God's purposes are to be realized, each one must recognize that He has in His creative wisdom conditioned husband and wife for his or her own sphere of responsibility—"Male and female created He them." Their differences are reflected in attitudes and temperaments and needs. Few husbands and wives understand each other, and irritations and disappointments result.

Much unhappiness is caused by man's will to power and is often expressed by domination over wife and children. The wife of such a husband is often encouraged when in their hour alone she hears him yield his will to a higher will and pray for help and forgiveness for his sins. Wives who are fortunate enough to experience this kind of fellowship with their husbands learn that it is possible under God to be subject to their husbands in all things. Likewise, husbands and wives who are low in sympathy—a short sense of recognizing one another's need—will find this ability heightened to such a degree that they can become the kind who truly

bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Unhappy wives usually suffer because of some unconscious need. These needs often surface in prayer and are met by the Word and the understanding of the praying husband who may sense their meaning. Need expressed in prayer is usually more effective than tears or stormy words to move the heart to understand and the will of the loved one to be helpful. Husbands often tell of how their wives were able to understand and better helpmeets because in the time of prayer their mature and deepest longings were revealed in a way they could understand.

Most women reveal a deep need for security. Their need for feeling secure in their husbands' love has been met by God's Word. Modern wives complain, "He never tells me that he loves me any more." "He is mean to me, how can I believe that he loves me?" God has said, "Love your wives and be not bitter against them." In such an hour of Bible reading and prayer many a woman has been permitted to see her husband "tenderized" by the Word and to sense his developing insight into her need. Many a husband has in this hour of fellowship developed his ability to express his love in kind words and tender ways. A mother's need for the security of her children is met, for she will come to know that the father of her children has behind him the resource of the heavenly Father. His ability to provide is not limited to that of a clever mind and muscled brawn.

Many husbands fear that they are not really accepted by their wives. Wives who fear they are not pleasing to their husbands are likewise helped by this fellowship. All feeling of guilt is washed away as a deepening oneness is realized and the irritations, misunderstandings and disappointments are all lifted out of the mind upon God and left with Him.

Every married couple knows that death will part them. Most frequently the wife is left to stand alone in a casket. Happy is she who then can remember the time they talked one to another about their common Savior and Lord. Such a one will not be left standing at an open grave asking, "Where is he? Will I ever meet him again?" The memory of precious hours together with him and God will be a continuing comfort in the days to follow.

Some men convince their wives that it is not possible for them to pray aloud in their presence. Let none believe this. The man who has rallied sufficient courage to ask the most wonderful woman in all the world to accept him as her husband—in words that she could understand—can also pray in words that will be understood equally well by her and God. Any couple can read a gospel portion and pray the Lord's Prayer together. Others will find devotional books especially prepared for husbands and wives helpful.

Commission on World Missions

Rolf A. Syrdal

JARVENPAA, FINLAND, JULY 20-26

The regularly appointed members of the Commission on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation, meeting annually, have invited the executives of mission boards of participating churches and societies to meet with them. This meeting becomes one of the most fruitful meetings of its sort as people from Europe, America, and the Younger Churches share experiences, information, and earnest thought on mission problems common to all. Organizational and racial differences are dissolved and all are welded together in one compelling motive of finding the best way to bring the Gospel to the world, and especially to the areas of the world where we have several and joint responsibilities.

Two days, prior to the regular commission meeting, were devoted to a study of the problems of South Africa where race and school questions were predominant. A solution was certainly not reached, but in each case the threads of policy were woven together to encourage a unified stand by the missions. The mission boards and churches in that area were urged to unite about a church-centered and church-controlled institution that might supply the specific educational needs of the church in training native leadership. Methods of urban and industrial work, with full co-operation between all Lutheran groups, was discussed, with agreement reached in principle. The great emphasis was in seeking means of strengthening and unifying the Lutheran Churches

of Southern Africa into a responsible, indigenous Church, with the realization that great strides have already been taken in that direction.

The topics filling the days in the commission meetings and regional committees were numerous. They ran from theological foundations to the crass material aspect of financial support. Dr. Heinrich Meyer's paper, "The Eschatological Dimension of Foreign Missions," stimulated the theological thinking. Dr. Manikam, bishop-elect of the Lutheran Church of India, gave a picture of the present world in its many conflicts as the Orient and Africa is trying in ten years to go through the economic and social changes that the West struggled through for several hundred blood years. The spiritual life of the Younger Church was discussed, with suggestions for its uplift and strength. The financial picture was brought in, with urgent requests from orphaned missions and Younger Churches to meet the bare needs facing them—each one realizing the importance of using the day of opportunity *now*—with a budget allowance already committed to the bursting point.

We have a message to give the world today! We have opportunities that are greater than our capacity. The troubles of the world but emphasize the urgency. Under the able and driving chairmanship of Dr. Schiotz, the meetings ran from 9:00 A.M. to midnight and beyond,

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18th annual meeting of the Commission on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation, with 23 mission boards and societies from ten nations represented. The meeting was held at Jarvenpaa, Finland, July 18-27. USA representatives were Dr. F. A. Schiotz and Rolf A. Syrdal (ELC), Dr. Earl Erb (ULCA), Dr. Hjalmar Swanson and Dr. Clarence Hall (Aug.), and Dr. T. P. Fricke (ALC).

Needed—"Church Night"

With the beginning of the fall activities, not only of the congregations but of the public schools and civic organizations as well, someone has suggested that it might not be out of the way to mention the possibility of having one evening a week set aside specifically as "church night." The thought is that, through co-operation among the various groups in a community, it should be possible to clear the calendar pretty well for church activities one evening a week.

To be sure, this is anything but a new idea. The first time we heard of it being done systematically was in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and that must be almost thirty years ago. We have heard of it repeatedly since that time, and really have nothing new to add.

It may be that churches have sometimes been less than wise in spreading activities dealing with the same age group throughout the various evenings of the week. If one group of teen agers, let us say, has a regular gathering at the church on Tuesday, and another on Thursday, it is obvious that there are going to be conflicting dates with the local high school. On the other hand, if the local high school conceives that it has the right to schedule its activities over the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, it is equally obvious that there are going to be conflicts of engagements.

What seems to work best is an agreement among the pastors of the various churches, the school authorities, and such civic organizations as are concerned. We were a good deal impressed by a news story which came to our desk several months ago which seemed to indicate that one relatively large center has solved matters quite satisfactorily by designating Wednesday as "church night." We refer to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and the story someone sent us is clipped from the *Grand Forks Herald*. Some enterprising reporter made a survey of thirty churches in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. The result of the survey seems to indicate that, whether by premeditation or chance, Wednesday has become all but universally the night which is designated for church events.

In a very few instances, we have encountered certain friction and minor tensions which have developed, particularly between schools and congregations because of failure to make some sort of arrangement between the two. That is tragic, especially in smaller communities where the churches and the public school are by all odds the two influences which best bind a community together.

Someone might add that it would not be a bad idea to add to a "church night" a "stay at home night." That, however, is another story.

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Some months ago the editor chanced to travel with an attorney, an interested member of our congregation in Plentywood, Montana. In the course of a typical train conversation, the discussion turned to the congregation to which the man belonged. He was enthusiastic about a program of advertising which the congregations of the parish (of which there are two) were carrying out. The upshot was some correspondence between the editor and the local pastor, the Rev. Norman C. Johnshoy. The letters were laid aside for future use, and now seems to be as good a time as any to pass on some of the experiences of this parish. While it is true that a congregation in a large city might need to make some modifications in the program, by and large we believe that the Plentywood parish has done as good a job of laying out a publicity program as any parish we know of.

It all began with a sermon by the pastor which had the theme, "Publicize Christ." In substance, the pastor's plea was, in the words of Scripture, "Publish, and conceal not." If the Christian Church has the greatest message in the world, what right does it have to keep that message to itself?

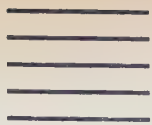
As a direct result of that sermon, preached in both congregations of the parish, each congregation set up a publicity item in its budget for the following year. In the case of the larger congregation, the amount was \$500; in the smaller, \$100. Certainly not extravagant sums and yet money which could accomplish quite a good deal. In brief, taking the Plentywood congregation as an example, here is what this money has accomplished year after year:

Two large billboards were built by the Brotherhood—one at the east approach to town, the other at the west. Religious posters were secured for these billboards and they have continued to be used and to have good results.

The chief project, however, has been regular advertising in the local newspaper. This is not confined to the usual "announcements," which the pastor says are certainly important, but not so much from a missionary angle; nor to special advertisements as at Christmas and Easter, which, the pastor points out, have the disadvantage of being irregular in appearance.

Far more important is it that a weekly advertisement has been used, not so much to advertise the program of the local congregation, as to put before the community the teachings of the Lutheran Church. In some instances

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has been possible to secure mats for such ads from various sources. Often, however, the pastor himself prepares them. We have seen a sample or two, and it appears to us that they place before people the message of the Word of God in really excellent form.

To us, the most interesting feature of our correspondence with Pastor Johnshoy is a series of specific observations which he makes on the basis of several years' experience in his own parish.

His first suggestion is that some agency within the church should prepare for distribution to any congregations that want them, a series of really well prepared advertisements in mat form which can be used in the local paper. Naturally, he refers to the campaign of the Knights of Columbus as a model of what can be done. We quite agree. It may be doubted whether any church publicity campaign has been put on in the United States which has been more effective than this campaign to publicize the teachings of the Roman Catholic church.

As a matter of fact, at least a beginning has been made along this line in several directions. The most recent we have heard of is a series of such advertisements prepared by The United Lutheran Church in America for the use of its congregations. We have not personally seen them, but our information is that they aim to accomplish exactly what Pastor Johnshoy requests. It occurs to us that this is something which the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council could well take up.

In connection with such a series, Pastor Johnshoy has several suggestions to make: There may well be historical and doctrinal content, but it must "be presented in a popular manner." The question-and-answer type advertisement, in his experience, seems to be the most widely read and brings the best results. We should take leaf from the book of the Knights of Columbus by giving every ad issue an invitation to send for further literature. This could be done, possibly, through the local congregation, a synodical Brotherhood organization, or the National Lutheran Council itself.

Pastor Johnshoy also stresses the importance of having a regular program so that the ads appear at stated times without deviation. He also suggests the possibility of having the advertisement appear in the same position in the newspaper each week, to whatever extent that

can be arranged with the publisher of the newspaper. He correctly states that people come to look for these advertisements, and the chain of interest should not be broken.

We do not flatter ourselves that we have said anything particularly startling in this editorial. However, the Plentywood parish has proved that a systematic program brings results, which is the point. Without a doubt there are hundreds of congregations that will gladly undertake similar programs. We are convinced that such advertising of the Church is not only perfectly worthy of it, but will become a very strong agent in the program of parish evangelism.

Missouri and the P-T-R

On a number of occasions we have mentioned the increasing popularity of the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching technique which had its origin in our Division of Evangelism some years ago. Some readers may recall that we recently quoted an editorial here from one of the large Reformed bodies of America which gave unqualified approval to this technique.

Recently we have received resolutions drawn up by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod which will interest our readers. We believe that it is worth while to quote them in their entirety:

"WHEREAS, The precarious state of the world coupled with a renewal of interest in religion presently demands an all-out effort to mobilize God's people to bring Christ to people and people to Christ; and

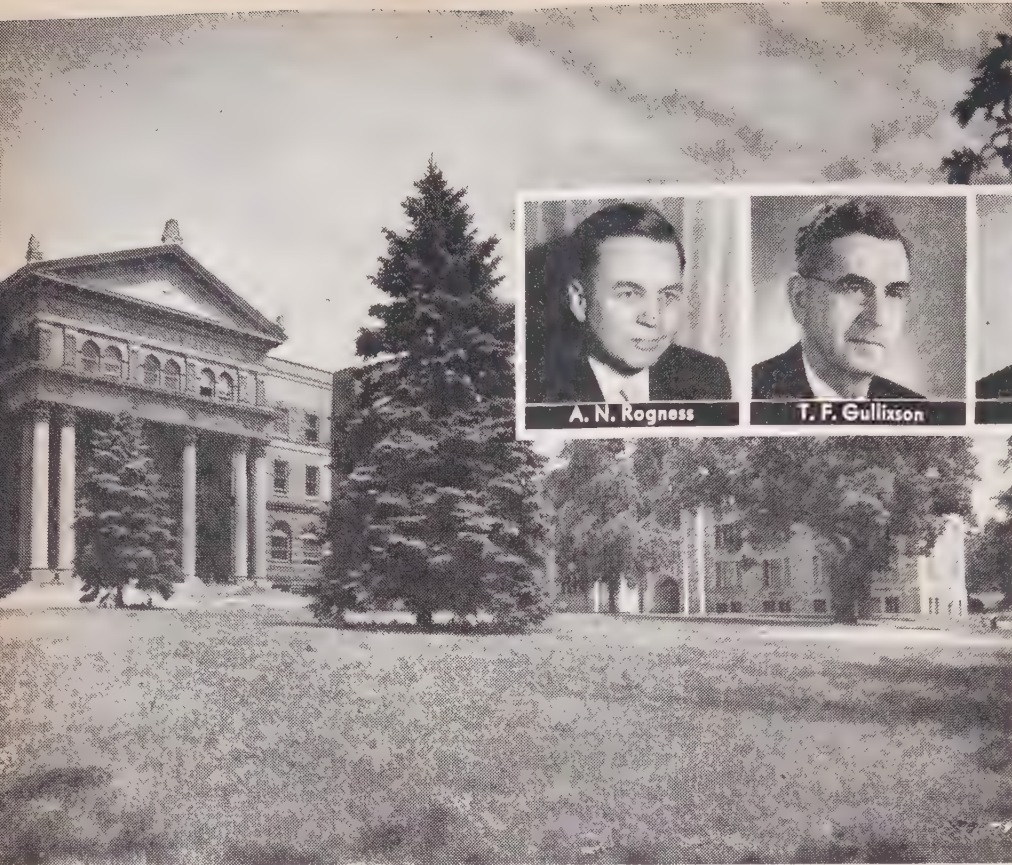
"WHEREAS, There is an evident need for a more organized program of evangelism in our Church; and

"WHEREAS, In consideration of this urgent need our Church has developed a more complete evangelism department which is ready to assist the districts in the promotion of an organized evangelism program;

"BE IT RESOLVED, That all districts of our Synod be urged to co-operate in every way possible with the program presented by Synod's Evangelism Department; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our districts give official endorsement to the *Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Area Evangelism Mission* now under development by Synod's division of evangelism, and that our district contact man in co-operation with our District Mission Board, be authorized to implement it in our district."

We pray that our sister body, the Missouri Synod, will have the same experience which we in The Evangelical Lutheran Church continue to have. We have said it often before and are glad to repeat now: While techniques are secondary, we do believe that the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching technique of parish evangelism is one that is truly inspired of God.



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Luther Theological Seminary

In last week's issue of LUTHERAN HERALD were described the membership, purpose, and scope of work of the Seminary Development Committee. This Committee had its origin in a resolution of the 1954 General Convention and from it received a directive to make a comprehensive study of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of determining its "unmet needs." The increase of student enrollment since 1948 by about 137 per cent, with its subsequent strain upon every facility at the Seminary, made the study imperative. The report of the Committee will be distributed to all the pastors for reference by them, their councils, and their memberships. In this issue the discussion of the Committee's work is continued.

It was assumed that upon completion of the comprehensive survey to determine the "unmet needs" at Luther Theological Seminary, ways and means would be found to meet these needs by placing them before the Church. This led to the organization of *The Luther Theological Seminary Development Fund*.

To refresh our memory it would be well to recall the instructions of the General Convention. Three boards—the Board of Education, the Board of Trustees, and the Church Council—were charged with the task of determining the unmet needs, and, according to the resolution:

" . . . these three boards shall have the authority and power to inaugurate and execute throughout the congregations of the Church whatever financial or fund-raising program may be necessary to meet these needs."

When the Seminary Development Committee had completed its study last May, it changed from being a study group to a planning and administrative committee, seeking ways in which to implement its recommendations in order to assume the second part of the responsibility laid upon it by the Church. It worked from May until August planning the "financial and fund-raising program . . . necessary to meet these needs" which it had determined should be placed before the Church's membership.

Before making any pronouncements, however, the members of the Committee wished to have their recommendations reviewed by a representative body of the clergy and laity of the Church. A small group serving on a committee may become so absorbed in the task under way that it may easily over-estimate its relationship to several other important projects in the Church. It was decided to place the entire findings and recommendations of the Seminary Development Committee before a large body which has become known as the National Advisory Committee.

This was done on August 24 when the advisory group met in Minneapolis. Invited to serve as advisers were: district presidents; district stewardship secretaries; senior college presidents; departmental executives; officers of the Church; treasurer emeritus, Dr. H. O. Shurson; and laymen selected from each district.

To provide guidance and advice from their rich experience over the years, five well-known personages in The Evangelical Lutheran Church were asked to serve as *honorary chairmen*. They are: Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president

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emeritus of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. F. A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. T. F. Gullixson, president emeritus, Luther Theological Seminary; Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, president of Luther Theological Seminary; and Dr. J. C. K. Preus, executive director of the Department of Christian Education. All of these persons accepted this responsibility.

This large group, representing virtually all the areas of the Church, carefully reviewed the program placed before it, discussed at length each of the items in the report, and concurred that it was logical and worthy in content and should be placed before the congregations at once.

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Let us now turn to the contents of *The Luther Theological Seminary Development Fund*, as it has emerged from this process of review.

(1) There are two classifications of "unmet needs" at the Seminary: first, those which demand the immediate attention of the Church in order to permit the school to continue effectively with its program; and, secondly, those developments which should take place as soon as possible, at the latest, in ten years.

(2) The sum of \$1,500,000 should be provided by the congregations in 1956, if the immediate needs are to be met.

(3) The further "developments" outlined for the next decade should be placed before our congregations and individuals who might want to assist in their achievement now, while at the same time they are providing funds for immediate needs.

(4) Each congregation may select one of several methods to obtain its funds as its fair share of the goal of \$1,500,000, but it is hoped that as many congregations as possible will make their contributions a part of their regular church budgets for 1956.

The goal of \$1,500,000 includes the following projects at the Seminary:

(1) Expert engineering counsel advised that the main dormitory building should be remodeled at a cost of \$50,000, rather than razed and replaced at a cost of more

than \$1,000,000. This complete remodeling and modernization will provide housing for 160 single men students.

(2) Library renovation should be made to accommodate the increased enrollment; the heating plant should be replaced and should be of such design as to allow for utilities in any new additions; nine of the faculty homes need repairs to a greater or lesser degree; and parcels of land adjoining the Seminary need to be acquired. The estimated cost of these diversified projects is \$320,000.

(3) The third large group of "unmet needs" can be classified as *deficiencies in academic facilities*. These include the need for classrooms, lecture and seminar rooms, group discussion and conference rooms, offices for an expanding faculty, dining facilities, reading lounges, lockers for about two hundred commuting day students, and auditorium facilities. There are two ways in which the needs at this point can be met: (a) either new construction can be planned on the Seminary's already limited campus of only eight acres; or, (b) such facilities—approximating what is needed—may be acquired by purchase of properties adjacent to the campus, thus permitting the expansion of the campus. Careful planning must continue before the final alternative is accepted. The cost of this development, which should come within the next year, in either case, is estimated to be \$830,000.

In summary, then:

First.—Luther Theological Seminary has the authority of the Church to present to its constituents a statement of its needs and to request funds with which to meet them in the biennium 1955-1956.

Second.—A Seminary Development Committee, with its membership composed of representatives from the Church Council, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Christian Education, has made the survey, has designed the appeal for funds to the Church; and is now executing and implementing its planning.

Third.—The list of unmet needs has been reduced to minimal essentials. This does not complete the task, but it is, in the opinion of the Committee, the extent of the responsibility which the Church can justly and safely assume at this period in its history. The completion of this program will enhance the academic caliber of the work done at the Seminary because of the better facilities placed at the disposal of both teachers and students.

This is the program before us. It is the Church's program. It is our program. Next week the discussion will deal with a further analysis of the responsibility before us in each congregation. May our Lord guide us as we proceed with this solemn undertaking of undergirding the theological education of our Church and its pastors.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Philippians 1:20-26

The Gospel: John 11:32-45

Monday, September 19
AND SO WE ARE

Read I John 3:1-9

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

One of the easiest things we can do is to be parrots in our religion. Very easily we can slip things off like the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, or the verse quoted above. We can let them drop from our lips without any effort at all. They don't have to come from deep down inside to be said. But they do have to come from there if they are to have any meaning at all.

"And so we are." John says, when he talks about this business of being children of the Father. Right here is a good place for me to ask, "Am I included in that?" In my heart I know. And if I don't know for sure, then let me proceed to find out. There is no point in my saying things without knowing and meaning what I say. Being a parrot in matters of the soul is dangerous. Being God's child is too important to treat lightly.

Help me to know in whom I believe, and why, dear Father in heaven. Amen.

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Thursday, September 22
THINGS TO DO

Read I Thessalonians 5:14-24

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Paul made a list of things here for Christians to do. He could have made it longer because there is no end to the many things that need tending.

So often people think that Christians are people who don't do certain things. When you are a Christian you don't swear, lie, steal, and so on. They forget that being a Christian is more a matter of do than don't. Someone has put it this way: Being a follower of Christ is not repression, it is expression.

Every follower of Christ should keep a list of things to do. And it should not take long to fill a page with delightful assignments. Be happy, keep praying, be thankful no matter what happens, help people, cheer up the downcast, be patient. The list can go on without end.

When I see my Christianity as something to do, then I cease to live in a fort. I start marching in Jesus' Name.

Tuesday, September 20
THIS IS NOT ALL

Read Matthew 22:23-33

The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection.

Jesus had a great deal of trouble with these Sadducees. They were wise men who had it all figured out that when you died that was it. Everything was over. They kept after Jesus on this point. But Jesus answered them by telling them that they were wrong. "You know neither the scriptures nor the power of God," He said.

To this day there are people who hold that there is no resurrection. How would you like to be one of them? If you believe the Bible you are not numbered among them, of course. But ask yourself how it would be. Doesn't something inside you keep insisting that man is created for more than existing in a limited body and mind for a few years? Isn't there something undying about hope and love?

How good it is that what we have, are, and what goes on here in this life, is not all! Jesus spoke clearly on the resurrection and the life to come. Let us believe it and be sure that its blessings shall be ours.

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Friday, September 23
OUR HELP

Read Matthew 11:25-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

A writer has pointed out that some people think of God as a "Heavenly Bosom." That He is good only when you get overwhelmed by troubles and life, and you run to Him to lay your head on His bosom and receive comfort. People shouldn't run away from life, they say.

But that is not why Jesus issued this invitation. He knew that life is too much for anyone, and that no one can stand alone. Every one needs support. But more than that, if any person is going to make a success of it at all, he has to lean entirely upon God. Otherwise there is going to be failure.

You aren't a weakling if you admit need of God. Rather, you become strong. You have a power that unbelievers simply can't have. When you do this you are in the same position occupied by Paul when he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." A Christian's help is from above and he admits it.

Wednesday, September 21
DO IT

Read II Kings 5:8-19

"Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

Naaman did not like what he heard. He had gone to Elisha to be cured of his disease, and this was the order: Go and wash, of all places, in the Jordan! A fight went on inside Naaman. He did not want to do such a thing. But finally he did. And he was healed.

God moves in strange ways His wonders to perform. Sometimes we think salvation is granted on strange terms. We don't like to confess our sins; we don't like to own up to the fact that we are wrong; we don't like to be humble. But these are requirements God looks for before He will grant the gift of His forgiveness. And when it comes to following His leading, we think, sometimes, that He prompts us to do such queer things! Like not running with the pack, not "getting even," not being selfish. But these are God's ways.

The sooner we learn to obey, to do it, the sooner God can do His wonders among us.

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Saturday, September 24
LIFE AND DEATH

Read I Kings 17:17-24

And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

This miracle from the Old Testament is a plain illustration of the power of God. Through His servant Elijah, He caused the son of the widow of Zarephath, to come to life. The widow, in her happiness, said she knew it was the power of God that had done it.

Reading about things like this does not try our faith so much, but when it comes close to us, then we want to know for sure. There are many families who are in sorrow because one of their own has been taken away. How comforting it is to them to know that there is a resurrection. And each of us knows that some day we shall be called out of this life. How good it is to know that we shall by the power of God be called forth from the grave.

God is over all, and those who are His children have the promise of resurrection to eternal life. We live, not to die, but to glorify God in life and in eternity.

Thanks and praise be to Thee, O Jesus, for Thy power over life and death. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

YMCA CENTENARY

Some 10,000 delegates and visitors gathered in Paris for a series of conferences marking the 100th anniversary of the World's Alliance of YMCAs. They represented 4,000,000 members of YMCA groups in 70 countries.

Dr. Paul Limbert of Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World's Alliance of YMCAs, told newsmen prior to the opening of the major conference that one of the most important questions to be considered by would be ways of turning leadership of the organization over to young men. He noted that when the world's Alliance was formed at a meeting in Paris in 1855, of 99 YMCA pioneers from nine countries the average age of the delegates was 22. Most

of the delegates to the 1955 conference were over 40.

Dr. Limbert stated that the delegates included Moslems, Buddhists, Hindus, and Jews but said the "essentially Christian" basis of the YMCA will be preserved. Dr. Limbert didn't define what he meant by "essentially Christian" in such company.

MORE SUPPORT FOR DAY SCHOOLS

More financial support of Christian day schools by churches was urged in a statement adopted at the 35th annual convention of the National Union of Christian Schools. The Union represents 177 private schools, with a total enrolment of more than 33,000, controlled by parents of the Calvinistic persuasion, mostly members of the Christian Reformed Church. The schools are operated by societies organized independently of churches.

The statement warned that the cost of tuition is becoming increasingly burdensome to the average family and consequently, "church financial support has become indispensable and must be increased."

COASTING CHRISTIANITY

A coasting Christianity cannot hope to overcome a crusading paganism, Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ told the group's fifth world convention.

He asserted that paganism has launched the mightiest crusade in the entire Christian era. "Not since the first Christian century," he said, "have we witnessed such zeal, fanaticism, sacrifice, and world-wide strategy designed to capture the hearts of men. The tragedy is that the techniques of education and evangelism inherent in the Christian faith have been seized and exploited without restraint. Added to this has been coercion, enslavement, and the mighty power of fear."

He warned that no church or individual dares think of "business as usual" which could only mean "coast-

MISSIONARY GETS NURSING MEDAL



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Miss Florence Taylor, 53, nursing school dean of the Vellore Christian Medical College Hospital in South India, has been awarded a Florence Nightingale medal by the International Committee of the Red Cross. The United Church of Canada missionary was cited for "exceptional devotion to duty," and for playing an "outstanding role in raising the standard of nursing in India." Miss Taylor has headed the Vellore School of Nursing since 1946. She previously served in mission hospitals in Korea, Manchuria, and India.

ANNIVERSARY OF ARMY CHAPLAINCY



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retreat parade and the cutting of a birthday cake marked the 180th anniversary of the Army chaplaincy at Fort Myer. The observances were dedicated to chaplains killed in World War II and in Korea. Shown cutting the cake are: Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan, Army Chief of Chaplains, and Mrs. Wilbur M. Buckner, wife of the Secretary of the Army. Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish clergymen in the Army chaplaincy number 1,300. The legal origin of the corps is based on a resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on July 29, 1775, providing for the pay of chaplains.

ing." Christians everywhere, he said, are demonstrating that the mood of the first century Christians is abroad again. He quoted T. R. Clover who described the early Christians as people who "out-thought, out-lived, and out-died their pagan contemporaries."

QUESTIONNAIRE ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

A Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights is asking the American public to indicate what it believes are "sore spots" in the observance of religious freedom and Church-State separation in this country. Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D-Mo.), chairman of the committee, announced that a questionnaire has been prepared to determine the American viewpoint on these matters.

The senator's office said that the questionnaire will go to all persons who request it, to those who desire to testify at public hearings on the

subject, and to those already selected by the committee as witnesses at the hearings, which are set for the week of October 3.

The questionnaire deals mainly with conflicting interpretations of the freedom of religion clause in the First Amendment to the Constitution. This clause states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

One of the questions asked is: "Do you regard the phrase 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion' as a prohibition against any direct or indirect government aid to churches or religious sects? Or do you regard the language as banning preferential treatment of any particular church or religious sect while permitting government aid to religion generally or to the various churches and sects on a non-discriminating basis?"

BELGIAN CATHOLICS

The Roman Catholics of Belgium, much in the news of late over school policy in that country, are now seeking to raise money for church schools. A recently-enacted school reform bill will probably cut these schools off from subsidies amounting to \$10,000,000 a year.

Catholic sources said special collections would be taken in Catholic churches and at county fairs and other



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A new illustrated edition of the New Testament published by the American Bible Society is examined at Pasadena, Calif., by two of the society's officials. They are: The Rev. Leonard Boyd, chairman of the Los Angeles branch (left); and Dr. James Nettinga, secretary of the Southern California branch. The edition was produced by rotogravure in modern "picture book" style and is entitled "The Good News." It was designed to give both the Biblical scholar and the ordinary reader a new insight into the life and times of Jesus and His Apostles. The book, first of its kind, contains 566 pictures, nine maps, and six diagrams to illustrate and clarify various portions of the Scriptures in the light of recent archaeological and historical studies.

assemblies. A house-to-house canvass for funds will also be held. Catholics in The Netherlands are expected to help out by floating a loan for the Belgian schools.

The fund campaign has been set for a maximum of two years. At the end of this period, Roman Catholic leaders hope, elections will result in the downfall of the present Socialist-Liberal government and enable a new So-

cial Christian (Catholic) government to annul the school reform measure.

WORTHY OF NOTE...

The Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Service has appointed a German layman, Mr. Wilhelm S. G. A. Steinhausen of Hannover, as director of its relief activities among refugees in Syria. He has, until recently, been an interpreter for British military authorities. . . . The Canadian Lutheran Council has named as its executive director Dr. Earl J. Treusch, president of the Lutheran College and Seminary at Saskatoon. Dr. Treusch, 39, will assume his new duties on September 30. . . . Campaigns to raise \$200,000 for new buildings at Grand View Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa, and a \$50,000 fund to help new congregations erect churches and parsonages were approved at the recent convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. . . . Another new political group, the Christian Labor Party, is making a bid for the support of Argentines. It is the third "Christian" party to be formed in that country within recent weeks. It has called for the complete withdrawal of the present political leadership in Argentina.

TOWN HONORS HYMN WRITER



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This small roadside park honors the Rev. George Bennard, who in 1913 wrote "The Old Rugged Cross," one of the best loved hymns of the Christian Church. The park is on U.S. Highway 131, near Ashton, Michigan. Mr. Bennard, now more than 80 years old, participated in the park's dedication service. He wrote his famous hymn while holding a revival service in a small town in Osceola County, not far from the park.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

GRUNDAHL RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF LCBI

The Reverend K. C. Grundahl, president of Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, Saskatchewan, resigned on July 15, to accept a position as a member of the faculty of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis. The resignation will take effect some time during the fall. The Board of Management met the early part of August to call a successor to the position of president and dean of the Bible Department. Pastor Grundahl's successor has not yet been named.

STUDENT UNION NEARS COMPLETION; TEN FACULTY MEMBERS APPOINTED

Construction of the new \$300,000 college union building at Pacific Lutheran College is progressing rapidly and will be completed this fall. It will house a dining hall accommodating 700, bookstore, snack bar-coffee shop, student government and publication offices, alumni office, faculty lounge, recreation lounge, reception lounge, TV and music listening room, and facilities for off-campus students. Funds for the new building were on hand before construction started.

It is expected that construction of PLC's third new \$500,000 residence hall will get under way this fall and will be ready for occupancy in September, 1956. There will be 65 study-bedrooms in the hall housing 130 students.

New members of the college faculty this year will include Ellen K. Christensen, music; Oscar K. Dizmang, economics and business administration; Dr. Donald R. Farmer, political science; Dr. Arnold J. Hagen, education; Dr. Harold J. Leraas, biology; Frederick E. Ludtke, industrial arts; the Rev. Robert W. Lutnes, student congregation pastor; Dr. Eugene A. Maier, mathematics; Ruth Moe, physical education; and Florence A. Quast,

supervisor of foods and home economics.

Miss Christensen will replace R. Byard Fritts in the music department. She graduated with a bachelor of music degree from the University of Washington in 1953 and also did graduate work there. Last year she taught at Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma.

Dizmang, a graduate of Kansas State College, will teach accounting. He has a master's degree from the University of Chicago and has taught at several colleges. He has wide experience as an economist in industry and with federal agencies.

Dr. Farmer has done most of his work at the University of Minnesota and received his doctor of philosophy degree there last year. He is a student of Russian government and speaks the language fluently. He has taught in Minnesota, including Minneapolis public schools.

Dr. Hagen is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, has a master's degree from the University of Montana, and a doctor of education degree from the University of Oregon. He has taught and held administrative posts in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and Oregon.

Dr. Leraas returns to full-time teaching, a post he held at PLC from 1935-42. In 1946 he received a doctor of dental surgery degree from Michigan State College. He has a B.A. degree from Luther College, and master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Michigan.

Ludtke has his bachelor and master of arts degree from Winona State Teachers college. From 1950-52 he was in the armed forces.

Pastor Lutnes received his B.A. degree from PLC and his B.Th. from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He has served pastorates in Oregon, California, and Washington, and this year becomes pastor of the first student congregation at Pacific Lutheran College.

Dr. Maier has his bachelor and master of art and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Oregon. For the past year he has been a research analyst and statistician for a lumber firm in Oregon.

Miss Moe, who graduated from PLC in 1953, replaces Mrs. Walter Young, women's physical education teacher, who will be on sabbatical leave. Miss Moe has taught in public schools in Washington.

Miss Quast, ranked as one of the finest dietitians in America, was for 18 years on the staff of Syracuse University where she was supervisor of foods and head of the department of institutional management. She has her bachelor and master of arts degrees from the University of Washington.

AUGUSTANA LIBRARY DEDICATION IS SET

Highlighting the opening of the 1955-56 school year will be the dedication of the new Mikkelsen Library at Augustana College. Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of the ELC, will give the dedicatory address at the opening convocation on Thursday, September 15.

Conducting the invocation for the ceremony will be the Rev. Arne Christiansen of Portland, Oregon. He is a son of the late Professor Conrad M. Christianson, who taught at Augustana College from 1918 to 1929.

Following the convocation service and the dedicatory address, the speaker and audience will proceed to the library where Dr. Schiotz will dedicate the building. The Mikkelsen Library will then be formally opened.

Special invitations have been extended to the ELC Board of Christian Education, the Augustana College Board, colleges located in South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and Nebraska, and members of the 1953 Library Appeal Committee.

Commission on World Missions

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with very few and short breaks. It was business of the Kingdom, and we were there to work and pray together that this work might be done.

Meeting in Finland was in itself an inspiration. Hard hit after the war, the Finnish missions have received some help from the Lutheran World Federation in past years. This year it was announced that they would assume the full load of their mission responsibility themselves. At the same time they are hoping to send more missionaries—especially to Formosa or Hongkong. This act marks a degree of sacrifice and daring that thrilled the entire group assembled.

Finland was Christianized in 1155; the Lutheran Ref-

ormation came in 1548. Bishop Gulin, who welcomed the Commission, stated that this fact that Christianity came to them in Western form and not Eastern, was one of the guiding factors of the history of his people. The country is 95 per cent Lutheran. In its 800 years of history, Finland has been at war with Russia for over 100 years. The destruction and rebuilding have laid heavy burdens on a people whose land and climate yield fruit grudgingly to hard labor. "But we are free," was the crowning remark that seemed to mirror the innermost longing of the heart of this people. It was in this country and with this spirit about us that we met with the hope that the freedom that Christ alone can give will penetrate into the hearts and minds enslaved in sin and in the bondage of anti-Christian philosophies of our day.

148 Men—Trained and Ready

In last week's issue, the Every-Member Visit plan was outlined. Following are the circuit directors for this project. These are the men who have received special training and stand ready to be helpful to congregations in preparing for and carrying out the plan.

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PERSONS

The Rev. K. B. Vaaler, Sioux Falls, Dak., who during the past winter served the Albion parish and during summer the Newman Grove parish—both of them in Nebraska, will by Oct. 1 begin serving as visitation pastor of First Lutheran Church in Minn. N. Dak.

The Rev. Maynard Midthun has been assigned as pastor of First Lutheran Church, Onalaska, Wis., and has accepted a call to a new Home Mission Church in Torrance, California.

The Rev. Obed Vold preached his farewell sermon in Trinity Church, Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 4th, and is to become pastor of Hope Church in Tacoma, Wash.

The Rev. Leonard E. Hultgren, of Grace Church, San Francisco, Calif., has accepted a call to Emmanuel Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Rev. O. K. Davidson, formerly pastor of Emmanuel Church, Tacoma, Wash., was on July 31 formally installed as superintendent of Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood, Wash., by District President H. L. Foss. Principal speaker at the festivity was the Rev. Frank L. Ericksen, Longview, Wash., member of the ELC Board of Charities.

The Rev. Torval G. Torvik has been assigned as full-time teacher at Los Angeles Lutheran Bible Institute and has accepted a call to Salem Church, Mendocino, Calif.

The Rev. A. A. Berstad, North Vancouver, British Columbia, will in October move to his new parish, Trinity Church in Calgary, Alberta.

The Rev. Paul S. Reque, formerly of Redwood Falls, Minn., was on August 21st installed as pastor of the Hick Hammer-Trinity-Riceford parish, Spring Grove, Minn.

The Rev. Paul B. Eid, pastor-elect of St. Olaf Church, Weehawken, N. J., was on Aug. 27th united in marriage with Miss Lois J. Schiotz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrik A. Schiotz. The marriage was solemnized at Bethlehem Church, Minneapolis.

The Rev. R. L. Henriksen, formerly pastor of the Ellingson parish on the South Dakota-North Dakota border, is now pastor of Faith Church, Kakoa, S. Dak. He is also to serve a new congregation at Long Valley, S. Dak.

The Rev. Kermit Forde, earlier pastor at Libby, Montana, moved early in August to St. Maries, Idaho, to serve St. Pauls Church there and a new congregation at Rockford, Wash.

The Rev. H. Arnholt Strand has resigned from his parish at Valhalla Centre, Alberta, and is moving to Wayne, Alberta, to become superintendent at a Sunset home there.

Miss Camilla Rostad, office secretary at the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask., has been appointed office secretary of the Canada District office in Saskatoon, Sask.

The Rev. Sven J. Thompson, Badger, Iowa, has accepted a call to Hauge Church, Chicago, Ill.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

Houston, Minn. Houston Church, parish of the Rev. M. A. Braaten, celebrated its centenary Aug. 28th. Guest preacher was Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, ELC president.

South Central

Scarville, Iowa, Rural Bethel Church had its new church building dedicated Aug. 28th by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of the South Central District. Other guest preachers were; the Rev. Neal S. Johnson, Austin, Minn., a former pastor of the parish, and the Rev. Martin Thompson, Wanamingo, Minn., a son of the congregation.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT BERESFORD



Ardell M. Banker, a St. Olaf College graduate who holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Nebraska, formerly a South Dakota Lutheran Welfare Society caseworker, was installed Aug. 28th as superintendent of the Bethesda Children's Home, Beresford, S. Dak.

ORDINATION

Lloyd Svendsbye, graduate of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, was ordained Sept. 4 at Grong's Church, Hamlet, N. Dak., by Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of **Lutheran Herald**. He will be serving as assistant pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Minneapolis. The new clergyman was born May 26, 1930, at Hamlet, N. Dak.; in 1951 he was graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. After his graduation from Luther Seminary in 1954 he spent a year in graduate study at the University of Erlangen, Germany, and part of the time on the Lutheran World Federation staff in Austria.

DULUTH CHURCH RUNS "THE COFFEE CUP"



Our Savior's Church, Duluth, Minn., parish of the Rev. J. O. Pederson, is operating a lunch stand at 49th Ave. W. and Grand Ave., where it intends to erect its new \$225,000 church. The stand, which bears the appropriate name, "The Coffee Cup," has as its primary purpose to supplement the building fund. It is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and is attracting good patronage.

"MY MINNEAPOLIS"

"My Minneapolis," is the title of a book of memoirs which will begin to appear serially in the Oct. 6th issue of **Minneapolis-Posten**. It is written by the well-known Minneapolis journalist **Carl G. O. Hansen**, for years the editor of **Minneapolis Tidende** and a prominent leader of musical activities in the Minnesota metropolis. Having lived in Minneapolis during 75 years, and having built up during the many years a library of more than 100,000 clippings, he is eminently qualified to tell the story of Minneapolis, particularly of the many Scandinavians who during the past century have sojourned in the city.

UNIQUE CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN WEDDING

K. T. Myklebust, a prominent member of Emmanuel Church, Longview, Wash., and for years an active worker in Church and District undertakings, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on Aug. 14th in a markedly unique way, as they in honor of the occasion presented their church with a set of organ chimes, played for the first time on the festive day. The reception was very largely attended by leaders in church and state, and many greetings were received, among these felicitations sent by Dr. Schiotz, Dr. Aasgaard, and Governor Langlie.

OBITUARIES

Ole A. Rusley

Ole A. Rusley, Fort Dodge, Iowa, who served for 12 years as a member

of the ELC Board of Education, died Aug. 19, 64 years of age. Funeral services were held Aug. 22 at St. Olaf Church, Fort Dodge, and later in the day at Salem Church, Lake Mills, Iowa. The Rev. E. S. Ede officiated at both services. President Granskou of St. Olaf college preached the sermon at the second service. Other speakers were Dr. Sidney Rand of Waldorf College, Dr. V. T. Jordahl of the South Central District, and the Rev. W. E. F. Meier. Interment took place in the Winnebago cemetery near Lake Mills. Mr. Rusley was born May 22, 1891, at Forest City, but spent ten years of his boyhood in Norway. After graduating from St. Olaf College in 1916 he taught at Sioux Rapids and later at Lake Mills in Iowa. From 1943 on he served as superintendent of Lutheran Hospital, Fort Dodge, Iowa. In World War I he was an infantry lieutenant. He held many positions of trust in his local congregation and in the church body. He is survived by his wife, nee Selma Grothe, a son (the Rev. Ralph S. Rusley, Ellendale, N. Dak.), two grandchildren, two sisters, and a brother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Montevideo Circuit WMF will meet Sept. 29th at Immanuel Church near Watson, Minn.

Vermillion Circuit WMF will meet Sept. 23 at Fairview, S. Dak. Speakers: the Rev. Marvin Rygh and Dr. A. Berge.

St. Ansgar Circuit WMF will meet Sept. 20th at Our Savior's Church, Osage, Iowa.

Vernon Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 11th at Coon Prairie Church in Weymouth, Wis. Speakers: Mrs. Byron Nelson and Miss Emma Eide.

Mondovi Circuit YPLL will meet at Eleva, Wis., in the evenings of Sept. 13th to 15th. Speaker: Mr. Dar Ro

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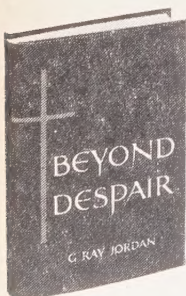
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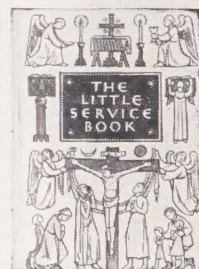
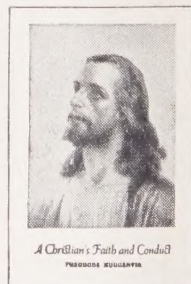
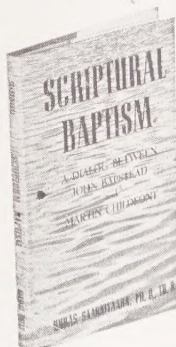
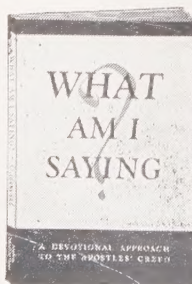
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